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SUBJ: GEORGE GERSHWIN FILM FOR CULTURAL FESTIVAL

REF: A) STATE 224288, B) STATE 218200, C) MOSCOW 13685

1. AS INTEREST IS BUILDING UP HERE IN PROPOSED GERSHWIN
FESTIVAL, AGENCY REQUESTED GO AHEAD ON ALL ITEMS REFTEL (B)
EXCEPT SPEAKERS/PERFORMERS.

A. POST PLANS USE DOCUMENTARY AT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS
SUCH AS CONSERVATORY, UNIVERSITY, ETC.

B. BOOKS, RECORDINGS, POSTERS, STAMP SUGGESTIONS
EXCELLENT. POUCH IMMEDIATELY.

C. POST ALSO REQUESTS ABSTRACTA EXHIBIT. DETAILS
FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

D. AGENCY REQUESTED ATTEMPT OBTAIN UP TO THREE FEATURE
FILMS. WE SUGGEST "AMERICAN IN PARIS, " "RHAPSODY IN BLUE,"
AND "PORGY AND BESS." OTHER SUGGESTIONS WELCOME. 35MM
VASTLY PREFERRED BY EMBASSY AND SOVIET CONTACTS AND IN
SOME PRIORITY CASES ESSENTIAL. EMBOFF TALKED WITH
GOSKINO NOVEMBER 14 WHICH EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PRINCIPLE
IN THE 35MM GERSHWIN FILMS. GOSKINO NOW CANVASSING
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VARIOUS PLACES WHERE THESE MAY BE SHOWN TO SELECT

AUDIENCES. WILL ADVISE EMBASSY OF DEFINITE DECISION
NOVEMBER 16. COMPOSERS UNION ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN
WHOLE PROPOSED FESTIVAL AND HAS 35MM CAPABILITY. OTHER
POSSIBILITIES FOR 35MM FILMS ARE LIBRARY OF FOREIGN
LITERATURE, HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP, HOUSE OF SCIENTISTS
AND A SPASO BUFFET FOR PRESTIGIOUS AUDIENCE.

E. AGENCY SUGGESTIONS ON SPEAKER/PERFORMERS ARE
GOOD. POST REQUESTS COST ESTIMATES TO POST. NOTE POST
CANNOT ARRANGE PUBLIC HALL WITH TICKETS OR SOVIET
ORCHESTRA.

F. FOR VIENNA: RE MOXHAY/PLON TELECON OF NOVEMBER
13, PLEASE CABLE PRECISE PROPOSALS AND COST ESTIMATES.

2. IN GENERAL ADVISE FUNDING DATA, IF BY POST, FOR ALL
ITEMS FESTIVAL.

3. AGENCY REQUESTED SEND FEATURE MATERIALS ASAP FOR
PLACEMENT CULTURAL NEWSPAPERS AND JOURNALS. INCLUDE PHOTOS.
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